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USMTN FOR MTN GENEVA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, CO

SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN MAXIMUM PRICE REGULATIONS

1. PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE INFORMED US THAT
COLOMBIA MAINTAINS MAXIMUM PRICES FOR CERTAIN IMPORTS
WHICH ARE DETERMINED BY THE LOWEST PRICE AT WHICH SUCH
PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE. PRODUCTS WHICH
ARE SOLD AT A PRICE WHICH IS HIGHER THAN THE MAXIMUM PRICE
ARE NOT GRANTED IMPORT PERMITS. THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN A
PARTICULAR PROBLEM FOR U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS WHICH
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OPERATE IN COLOMBIA AND USE INPUTS FROM THEIR PARENT IN
THE UNITED STATES. THESE INPUTS, IN MANY CASES, ARE SOLD
AT LOWER PRICES BY FIRMS WHICH HAVE INFRINGED ON A U.S.
PATENT, PRODUCE A PRODUCT OF INFERIOR QUALITY, OR OPERATE
IN A NON-MARKET ECONOMY.

2. USDOC CURRENTLY PREPARING BACKGROUND MATERIALS ON

POTENTIAL MTN NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PROCEDURES FOR NTM'S
NDWM. FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING
WHETHER COLOMBIAN MAXIMUM PRICE RULES SHOULD BE NOTIFIED.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF MAXIMUM PRICE
RULES, DESCRIBE WHICH PRODUCT AREAS THESE RULES ARE APPLIED
TO, ASSESS TRADE SIGNIFICANCE AND PROVIDE JUDGEMENT AS TO
NEGOTIABILITY OF THIS PRACTICE. CHRISTOPHER

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